



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.  
Parks and Recreation Annex Building  
919 West. 28 ½ Street  
Austin, Texas 78705**

<b>URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>:</b>
Patrick Brewer, Chair	Mayor Lee Leffingwell	
Tom Hayes, Vice Chair	Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5	
Nicholas Classen	Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6	
Ryan Fleming	Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2	
Christopher Kite	Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4	
Peggy Maceo	Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3	

<b>URBAN FORESTRY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	<b>:</b>
Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department	
Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department – Director Designee	
Angela Hanson, Acting Forestry Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department	
Jessica Wilson, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Watershed Protection Department – Director Designee	

## **AGENDA**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board (UFB) meeting of October 17, 2012.

### **C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

The first 4 (four) speakers signed up prior to the calling of the meeting to order are allowed a three-minute allotment each to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

### **D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion and recommendation of possible action for submittal of UFB comments on the proposed Urban Wildland Interface code to lessen fire hazards in the Austin Area. Presenter: UFB Working Group – Urban Wildland Interface working Group.

2. Presentation and discussion of written rules and procedures for conducting future Urban Forestry Board meetings. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.
3. Provide recommendations to City Council on the Barton Springs Grounds Improvement Plan. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.
4. Discussion and approval of American National Standards Institute's A300, Z133, and 60.1. as the standard of care for trees and plants for the City of Austin. Presenter: Angela Hanson, (Acting) Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, Urban Forestry Program.
5. Discussion for moving 2013 Urban Forestry Board meeting dates and/or time to allow for a different meeting space. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.
6. Announce UFB meeting dates and location for calendar year 2013. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.

#### **F. BRIEFINGS**

7. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update -- Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
8. City Arborist Program Tree Presentation and Replenishment Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
9. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Monthly Update – Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
10. Update on Republic Square Master Plan. Presenter: Philip Koske, Design Workshop
11. UFB Review and update on Strategic Goals Progress Report. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair.

#### **G. URBAN FORESTER EXECUTIVE LIAISON REPORT -- Angela Hanson, Acting Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, Urban Forestry Program, including:**

- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety hazard.
- General Overview of Trees at Zilker Great Lawn.

#### **H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Briefing on Lower Shoal Creek and Seaholm Developments. Presenter: Marty Stump, Project Management Supervisor, Park Planning, Design and Construction, Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Discuss and make recommendations for staff about vegetation issues in the Lower Shoal Creek and Seaholm Developments. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, Board Chair

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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